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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Examiner: C. Nolan, Jr.

TATSUO FURUKAWA ET AL.

Group Art Unit: 2854

Application No.: 09/374,580

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For: PRINTING HEAD, HEAD

CARTRIDGE HAVING PRINTING HEAD, PRINTING APPARATUS USING PRINTING HEAD, AND

PRINTING HEAD SUBSTRATE

May 4, 2001

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed, together with copies of European Search Reports, dated June 29, 2000 and October 6, 2000, citing some of them.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents can be found on page 1 at lines 23-24; page 76 at lines 3-4 and 7; and page 78 at line 19.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2).

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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